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HOME—A DREAM COMES TRUE

OUR PRISON LIFE IN GERMANY

THANET MEN TELL THEIR STORIES

CAPTIVES STILL IN CHAINS

Three of Ramsgate's repatriated prisoners of war—men who fought with the gallant Buffs in France and then endured three years of mental torture and physical discomfort in captivity—were welcomed back to their homes on Friday.

In patience they have suffered the dreadful monotony and rough living of prison camp life, longing all the time for the joyful reunion with their families and now, as one of the men said, "It's like a wonderful dream come true."

The three, who are enjoying a month's stay in the town, are Pte. Herbert Sheppard, son of Mrs. Sheppard, of 6 St. George's-road; Pte. William Joynson, of 41 St. Patrick's-road; and Pte. George Grainger, son of Mrs. Belsey, of 8 Eagle-hill.

Another Ramsgate man, Pte. Frederick Sydney Penn, also of The Buffs, whose wife lives at 11 Lorne-road, has returned to this country but at present he is in hospital in the north midlands. He has written to his wife saying that he hopes to be home soon.

In interviews with an ADVERTISER & ECHO reporter, Ptes. Sheppard, Grainger and Joynson told the stories of their three years in captivity.

An interview was also given to our representative by Mr. Joseph F. Banbury, a merchant seaman, who, although not a local man, has a large circle of friends in Ramsgate, which he frequently visited in peace-time. Mr. Banbury is a brother of Mr. Charles H. Banbury, bootmaker, of 42 Abbot's-hill.

It is emphasised that although conditions in prisoners' camps were, as described by the interviewed, very bad at first, there has been a striking change during the past few months and our captured soldiers are, generally speaking, well treated now.

The repatriated men have particularly asked us to offer their thanks to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. They say that, had it not been for the parcels sent out by the Red Cross, they would have been in a starving condition.

Pte. Bert Sheppard saw much of the tragic fighting which preceded Dunkirk, experienced the horrors of vermin-infested camps, and still

HARDLY BELIEVES HE'S BACK

Fair-haired, 25-year-old Bert Sheppard—they called him "Snowball" at school—is just the same cheerful fellow that he used to be, for over three years in captivity have not broken his spirit in the least.

But, as he told our representative, he still cannot quite believe he is home. "It's all like a wonderful dream come true," he said.

When the clouds of war burst in September, 1939, Bert was a commissionaire at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, where he had been for the previous six and a half years, but it was not long, in the December in fact, before he took his place in the ranks of The Buffs.

With his battalion he went to France in March and it was while fighting with them that he was captured at Doullens. Let him take up the story from there—

Our capture at Doullens was the prelude to an awful, heart-breaking forced march that took me and my comrades across the plains of northern France, through Belgium and Luxembourg, to Germany. Day after day we marched, weary and footsore, clad in our dirty, torn battledresses. Sometimes we would do 20 kilometres a day, sometimes it was as much as 40. We had no rations with us and the only food we could get was what we picked up off the fields.

Shot if They Dropped Out.

If a fellow tried to get into a field for food while we were on the march, however, he was shot, for the guards thought he was trying to escape. Many of the chaps dropped out exhausted and eventually it came to my turn—I had been 18 days on the road then—but I was among the lucky ones for an ambulance picked me up and took me to a town inside Luxembourg.

From there crowds of us prisoners were taken in cattle trucks right across Germany and that journey was among my worst experiences in captivity. We were herded like the cattle the trucks were intended for and there were no sanitary arrangements. Throughout the nine-day journey we remained in the train and we were certainly glad when we reached our first prison camp in Poland. Soon, however, we found that there wasn't much to be glad about, for the camp in which about 1,500 of us were placed was literally lousy. The lice, of course, infested our clothes and it was little use going outside the buildings to "delouse" for matters were just as bad again soon after returning to our rooms. Many of the men were breaking out in sores and ulcers through scratching.

Eventually the authorities decided to have the place cleaned up and we were given that job. At that time there was a bit of friction about the supposed ill-treatment of German officers in Britain and, as a form of reprisal, a number of British officers were brought to our camp. We were moved on to another place in the same area.

Verminous Hospital.

For the whole of the two weeks we were at the camp it poured hard with rain and the place became flooded. It was then that I was transferred to a hospital camp, where I arrived on 7th March, 1941. This place, which had just been evacuated by French soldiers, was also horribly infested—not by lice this time but by fleas. It was in a terrible state—absolutely filthy. Conditions gradually became better after we had set to work to clean the buildings, a job on which I was engaged for two weeks before being moved into a hospital ward.

In the hospital, where I remained for three weeks, we were allowed the same rations as those outside. The place was staffed by German medical officers and British and German orderlies. In small ways the doctors managed to show their hate of the English and I was glad to get out of the ward, although I felt far from fit. Within two weeks I was back in hospital again, this time for a two months' spell.

It was during March, 1941, that we first received enough Red Cross parcels at the camp for each man to have one to himself. Up to then the supply had been small and we had to share them out as best we could.

On leaving the ward a second time I was placed on light work which consisted mainly of sweeping and scrubbing out buildings.

Xmas Pantomime.

While I was there we had one or two small shows and plays, the prisoner artistes making their costumes out of paper (Pte. Sheppard here produced an album of photographs taken of the stage scenes and these appear very creditable efforts). "Godfrey, What Next?" was one of the plays presented in this way and at Christmas-time in 1941, the prisoners produced their own pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk." There was an orchestra as well as a dance band, the instruments being provided by the Red Cross and by individuals.

At the beginning of 1942 a crowd of disappointed men arrived at the camp. They were some of the soldiers who were due to be repatriated just before that time, and who had been told that negotiations had broken down. However, their arrival was a good thing for the camp itself and the "repatriation party," as they became known, got up some excellent entertainments. Costumes were then made of cloth and pyjamas came in very handy to convert into flashy soldiers' tunics for "City of Dreams," a musical play about Vienna. Among other plays we saw at that camp were "Outward Bound," "White Cargo," in which a guardsman took the parto of Tondelayo, and "The Dover Road." They all took place in a converted gymnasium.

Turn of the Tide.

It is rather difficult to explain properly the change of disposition that we saw in our guards during 1942. Gradually "the tide seemed to turn," we were given more say in the affairs of the camp, and conditions generally were decidedly better. The Germans really did try to feed us as adequately as they could and varied the meals as much as possible. Sometimes they served fish and potatoes, at other times potatoes only, and occasionally the fish was fried. But with the coming of winter the food position became very bad again and four ounces of meat had to last us three days. I repeat, though, that the Germans did their best—it was just that they were in a bad way for food themselves.

In June of this year I had the luck to be moved to Oflag 64Z and here conditions were 100 per cent. better. It was what we called a "propaganda camp," one established by the Germans to give a good impression.

Here I saw many exciting football matches for among the prisoners were several first-class players, including Peters, from Chelsea, Hopkins, from the English Third Division, and Ernie Bell, of Chester.. Many "international" matches were played while I was there and England won a competition between this country, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The rivalry was strong and the support as eager as we find in international matches over here. We also ran a league in which about 20 teams adopted the names of famous clubs at home and sometimes three or four games a day were running on the pitch which the prisoners laid out for themselves. In peace-time I played for Vye's and St. Luke's and it was pleasant to return to the game in some of these matches, in which I played in various positions in the forward and half lines.

Eight hundred prisoners went home from our camp and the first batch, which included Pte. Grainger, left on 14th October. I went two days later and travelled across Germany in a comfortable carriage comparable with our third-class coaches, going via Stettin to Sassnitz, and so across the train-ferry to Trelleborg and straight on to Gothenburg.

If I describe the reception here as amazing—which it was—the welcome received on disembarking from the Drottningholm at Leith was ten times greater. We were feted everywhere and given cigarettes, chocolates and sweets galore. After all that excitement came the long journey south to a hospital in the Midlands and then—home.

Wounded in the retreat, a hospital patient almost throughout his captivity, Pte. William Joynson

SAW DIEPPE MEN MANACLED

When Pte. Joynson arrived at his home late on Friday night he saw his three-year-old son for the first time. Billy was born in December, 1940, when the soldier was in hospital in Germany.

Pte. Joynson here tells the story of his experiences:

During action on 28th May, 1940, I was wounded by a mortar bomb. I

Pte. W. Joynson.

lost consciousness and when I came round found myself lying beside the altar in a church which had been converted into a casualty clearing station.

The following morning two Jerries came in—one an under officer and the other a private carrying a tommy gun. As soon as they saw what the place was they put their arms away and the officer gave the Nazi salute, shouting "Heil, Hitler!"

The next day we were moved to a school in Ypres and later to a convent where seven Irish nuns looked after us very well, although we were only there for a day, sleeping, of all places, in an operating theatre. The convent had been converted into a hospital. We had everything we wanted, including what amounted to a delicacy—white bread.

From the convent we went on to Bruges hospital and there I was attended by Belgian civilian nurses. They were kindness itself. Soon after arrival I was given an X-ray and the following morning the doctors extracted a piece of shrapnel from my body, telling me that another piece was still lodged in my hip. At Ghent hospital in October I had another operation for the removal of a piece of shrapnel from my stomach.

On 11th November, 1940, I was moved to a town in Germany, and arrived there at 11.30 at night during an air raid. The lads gave the R.A.F. a good cheer.

I stopped there until the following June and was in hospital all the time, being treated quite well with the exception of the first few weeks when food was scarce. My first Red Cross parcel arrived at the beginning of March, 1941, as well as my first letter from home announcing the birth of my son.

My next camp was Stalag IXC, where I stayed for nine months until being transferred to a place called Molsdorf. There were 700 of us there and conditions were exceptionally good. We even had the privilege of going outside the camp for walks. The prisoners were accommodated in wooden huts which each contained two tiers of beds and we were provided with sheets and pillow cases. Each man was issued with a basin, knife, fork, spoon and mug. The food was excellent compared with that in other camps.

Spirits Unbroken.

Unfortunately I was only there from June to September, 1942, and was then taken to Stalag VIIIB in Upper Silesia. Here the food was bad and we were more than grateful for the Red Cross parcels. Each week we had half a parcel issued on the Monday and the other half on Thursday. We did not receive all the parcels at once because the Germans punctured the tins and had they been issued once a week there would have been the danger of ptomaine poisoning.

Soon after getting to VIIIB I saw the Dieppe prisoners brought in. They had their hands crossed and tied with string from Red Cross parcels, but later iron manacles were sent to the camp and the men were put in chains. It seemed a futile business for although, when I came away, the men were still manacled, this treatment had not broken their spirit in any way.

Pte. Joynson, who left his camp on 15th October, has brought home a mug which he has used for the past nine months. He made it himself, shaping a strip of metal as a handle and rivetting it to a used tin which had originally contained butter, sent in a Canadian parcel.

While in Stalag VIIIB, Pte. Joynson met several Ramsgate men.

Pte. George Grainger, ex-laundry stoker, tells how he marched along

THE NEVER-ENDING ROAD

The following description of his treatment in the hands of the Germans was given to the Advertiser & Echo by Pte. Grainger:

German tanks captured us near Arras on 20th May, 1940, and we began a forced march similar to the one experienced by Pte. Sheppard. I think on the average we did 24 kilometres a day and at night slept in the open fields. It was a nightmare journey. Most of us were half-dazed and we were more or less sleeping as we marched along. We called it "the never-ending road," it was so straight and heart-breaking.

Usually if a chap fell out exhausted it was just too bad for him. The French and Moroccan troops who were also in our crowd seemed better off for they were decently equipped. We were ten days on the march before we had any bread and then the Germans handed out some that had gone green with age. But it was that or nothing and we ate it. As we marched along, gangs were detailed to obtain food from the fields—what there was to find—and sometimes we boiled dandelions, which were vile to eat. On one occasion I remember some people at the roadside giving the Tommies a few sticks of rhubarb. They

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Monday Nov. 8th 3 days	ESCAPE TO DANGER	A	Eric Portman, Ann Dvorak
	The Good Fellows	U	Helen Walker, James Brown
Thursday Nov. 11th 3 days	CONEY ISLAND (Technicolor) Full Supporting Programme	U	Betty Grable, Cesar Romero, George Montgomery
Sunday Nov. 14th 1 day	HIS AFFAIR	A	Robert Taylor, Barbara Stanwyck
	Lone Wolf Takes a Chance	A	Warren William
Monday Nov. 15th 3 days	CLIVE OF INDIA	A	Ronald Colman, Loretta Young
	THEY CAME TO BLOW UP AMERICA	U	George Sanders, Ann Sten
Thursday Nov. 18th 3 days	MR. LUCKY	A	Cary Grant, Laraine Day
	Fiesta (Technicolor)	U	Ann Ayars, George Negrete
Sunday Nov. 21st 1 day	THIS GUN FOR HIRE	A	Robert Preston, Veronica Lake, Alan Ladd
	Great Swindle	A	Jack Holt
Monday Nov. 22nd 3 days	THEY MET IN THE DARK	U	James Mason, Joyce Howard
	IN THE NAVY	U	Abbott and Costello
Thursday Nov. 25th 3 days	WHITE CAPTIVE (Technicolor) Full Supporting Programme	A	Maria Montez, Jon Hall, Sabu
Sunday Nov. 28th 1 day	CANAL ZONE	U	Chester Morris, Harriet Hilliard
	New York Town	U	Fred MacMurray
Monday Nov. 29th 3 days	BATTLE OF BRITAIN	U	
	FIRED WIFE	U	Diana Barrymore, Robert Paige, Louise Allbritton
Thursday Dec. 2nd 3 days	DIXIE (Technicolor)	U	Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour, Lynne Overman, Marjorie Reynolds
	Good Morning Judge	U	Dennis O'Keefe, Louise Allbritton

POTTED REVIEWS

CONEY ISLAND.—Here is the ideal escape from the war, a gay and colourful musical comedy lavishly sprinkled with songs both old and new. Betty Grable is lovelier than ever in technicolor.

WHITE CAPTIVE.—Sabu, Maria Montez and Jon Hall in an unforgettable romance of the South Seas, filmed in glorious technicolor.

DIXIE.—The film that you have been waiting for and the show that took London by storm. This is Bing Crosby's first musical in technicolor and tells the romantic story of the originator of the now famous minstrel troupes. Dorothy Lamour is here, too, and needless to say she films well in technicolor.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN.—Need one remind East Kent of the Battle of Britain or to stress the great work of the heroes and heroines of this period of the war? This film is a grand tribute to all who helped to save Britain in those uncertain days, a film that you will not easily forget.

THEY MET IN THE DARK.—Remember Joyce Howard? Yes, she was great in "The Gentle Sex" but she is even better in this topical romantic drama in which she is teamed with James Mason (of "The Man in Grey" fame.)

CLIVE OF INDIA.—Ronald Colman's finest film brought back again as a result of popular demands.

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The two competitions were one with major pumps and one with light pumps, and the object was to hit a small target with jets of water in the least possible time. Margate achieved their object in one competition in one minute, 16 and two-fifth seconds, and in the second in one minute, 23 and four-fifth seconds. The runners up were Chichester in the light pump competition and Walmer in the major pumps, thereby securing for No. 30 Area two first places and one second.

Margate's winning teams were: Light pump—Ldg. Fireman G. Curling (leader), Fireman L. Relf, A. Winch and W. Jarman; Major pump—Ldg. Fireman G. Hills (leader), Ldg. Fireman A. E. Smith, Ldg. Fireman R. Chapman, Firemen R. Fairbrass and E. Last.

At the Cinemas

ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY

CHINESE HEROISM AT KING'S

Not only does "Assignment in Brittany," showing at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and tomorrow, tell an absorbing story, but it also introduces a grand new star to the screen.

Based on a best selling novel, this stirring drama of the Fighting French stars Pierre Aumont, former French actor, holder of the Croix de Guerre. Opposite him appears Susan Peters, who sprang to fame in "Random Harvest," and Richard Whorf, Margaret Wycherly and Reginald Owen. "Rhythm Parade," the second feature, is described as "a gleeful, tuneful eyeful."

"Flying Tigers," which heads the bill on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is a magnificent story of the heroism of a handful of airmen, set against the fascinating background of China at war. In a foreword to the film Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek describes how, from the day the Flying Tigers spread their protective wings in the China sky, the enemy learnt to fear the dauntless spirit they displayed in the face of superior numbers. The story concerns the adventures of a squadron leader (John Wayne) and a young volunteer nurse (Anna Lee). John Hubbard and Ruth Terry star in the supporting film "Youth on Parade."

THE HUMAN COMEDY

LOST HORIZON AT PICTURE HOUSE

A new Mickey Rooney comedy and the return of one of the greatest adventure dramas ever presented on the screen, form attractive presentations at Ramsgate Picture House this week.

"The Human Comedy," showing to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, features many great stars. Apart from Mickey Rooney there are Frank Morgan, James Craig, Marsha Hunt, Fay Bainter, Ray Collins and Van Johnson. Its story written with Rooney in mind, the picture offers him an opportunity to run the gamut of dramatic emotions. It is through the boy's contacts with people in all walks of life that William Saroyan, the author, unfolds his life, revealing the humanity inherent in all persons.

Frank Capra's production "Lost Horizon," which took three years to film and stars Ronald Colman, is the outstanding feature for the last three days of the week. The thrill-packed story tells of five persons who are kidnapped in an aeroplane in China and flown deep into the heart of mysterious Tibet. It is based on James Hilton's famous best-seller. One of the picture's many highlights is the amazing choral singing that runs through certain sections of it, this being provided by a choir who were coached to sing in the native Tibetan language.

STRIPTEASE LADY

FLEMISH FARM AT ODEON

Ranging from craziest farce to tense drama, "Striptease Lady," starring Barbara Stanwyck and Michael O'Shea, is the bright offering at the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and tomorrow.

The famous strip-tease artiste, Gypsy Rose Lee, was authoress of the story, "G-String Murders," from which this film is adapted. Barbara Stanwyck plays the small town performer who suddenly gets her chance on Broadway, and Michael O'Shea has the part of a stage comedian. "Margin for Error," the supporting film, featuring Joan Bennett and Milton Berle, is a witty hit.

"This is without doubt one of the best films to come of the war" said a Sunday paper critic of "Flemish Farm," chief feature for the latter half of the week. The idea of the film came from a paragraph which Jeffrey Dell, the author-director, saw in the Times. It stated that the flag of the Belgian Air Force, secretly buried by the Belgians in their retreat, had been brought to England and re-presented to the newly formed Belgian Squadron of the Royal Air Force. Clive Brook, Jane Baxter and Clifford Evans are the stars. Jack Benny and Dorothy Lamour are seen in "Man About Town," which will also be shown.

BROADSTAIRS SEA CADETS

OPENING OF HEADQUARTERS

The Broadstairs section of the Margate Sea Cadet Corps was officially inaugurated at its headquarters, Vere Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

Mr. C. C. Maughan (vice-president of the Corps) presided, supported by the Commanding Officer (Lieut. E. C. Nash, R.N.V.R.), Councillor H. Bing, Councillor F. J. Malpress, Mr. E. F. Owen, Mr. F. H. Ward, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pallant (Broadstairs), Mr. A. E. Bray and Mr. R. W. Spurrett (Margate), Mr. A. Gibson (officer in charge of the section), C/P/O. H. C. Doughty and Sub-Lieut. W. J. Withers (administrative officer of the unit).

The chairman spoke of the need for youth training and introduced Lieut. Nash, who remarked that the corps had gone from pillar to post as far as premises were concerned, but they had excellent headquarters at Margate, and now a fine building at Broadstairs.

Councillor Bing and Mr. Meredith both wished the section success, and Councillor Malpress said he hoped all the members of the section would do their best to make a success of the new venture and learn all they could to help them in their future duties in the Royal Navy.

The chairman then declared the section officially inaugurated, and paid tribute to the officers and instructors.

Vere Hall has been placed at the disposal of the unit by Broadstairs Council.

4th (Thanet) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding officer—Capt. H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.

Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing October 31st.

Part 1 (parades).

To-day.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hours. Certificate "A" training.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hours. Certificate "A" training.

Thursday.—C Coy. and Broadstairs Platoon at 19.00 hours. Certificate "A" training.

Part 2 (Appointments).

Mr. T. H. K. Barnard to be 2/Lieut. and posted to B Coy. (Margate). 13-10-43.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

GAVE HERSELF UP

W.A.A.F. TELLS OF BIGAMOUS MARRIAGE

Walking into Margate Police Station recently, a W.A.A.F. corporal said she had committed bigamy and wanted to get it off her mind.

At Margate Police Court on Wednesday, the corporal, Rose Mary Ward, aged 30, was charged with bigamously marrying Basil John Allen, on 14th May, 1940.

It was stated that no trace had been found of Allen, who had deserted from his Army Unit.

Mr. E. A. Morling, who prosecuted, said accused was married to Richard William Ward, at Battersea, on 24th April, 1932, when she was eighteen years of age. On 10th May this year she called at Margate police station and told Det. Insptr. Cory that she wished to confess to committing bigamy. She then dictated a statement to him in which she said she had no fixed address and was brought up by her grandparents at Clapham Junction. She told of her marriage to Ward, with whom she last lived at Neasden, and said they had two children who were being brought up by foster parents.

Separated by Agreement.

The marriage was unhappy and after about four years she left her husband by mutual agreement, and he had not supported her since. She last saw him about five years ago, when she asked him to divorce her, but he said he could not afford to. She was then keeping company with a man named Allen. She told him she was married and had two children, but he continued to walk out with her and they later lived together as man and wife, at Edgware. He was called up to the Army soon after the outbreak of war, and in May 1940 they went through a form of marriage at Burnt Oak register office. Allen persuaded her to do that, the statement continued, so that she could draw an army allowance. She ceased drawing the allowance last April of her own free will.

The second "marriage" was not a success and there were no children. She joined the W.A.A.F. in April 1941 and continued to pay the rent of their flat, although Allen had let it furnished and drew the money for himself. She ceased paying the rent about six weeks previously.

The statement added "The matter has been worrying me and I wanted to get it off my mind. I told Allen I was going to the police and did not want anything more to do with him."

Deserter Since May.

Mr. Morling said if what accused said was correct, Allen should be standing in the dock as well, because according to her he knew she was a married woman when he went through the form of marriage with her. Unfortunately, he had been a deserter from his regiment since 7th May last, and the authorities had been unable to trace him.

Evidence was given by accused's husband, Aircraftman Richard Ward, R.A.F., his sister, Mrs. May Kirk, of Kentish Town, Mrs. Edith Rugless, of Fairfield-crescent, Edgware, with whom accused and Allen lived, and Mrs. Mary Allen, of Eversfield gardens, Mill Hill, mother of Allen, who said accused told her she had a husband alive and two children before she "married" her son. She said she had not seen her son since July last.

Accused had nothing to say in reply to the charge, and was granted bail pending her trail at the Assizes, which open on 16th November. She was granted legal aid.

Death of Mrs. Threlford

FALL AT ELMWOOD COTTAGE

The death took place, at Margate General Hospital, last week, following an accident, of Mrs. Emma Threlford, mother of Sir William Lacon Threlford, who before the war resided at Elmwood, Reading Street, St. Peters.

Mrs. Threlford, who was 87 years of age, lived at one time at The Nook, Harbour End. Since returning to Broadstairs last August she had been residing at Elmwood Cottages, where she fell downstairs and sustained a fractured thigh which resulted in her returned by the Acting Coroner (Mr.

Sir William is a London chartered accountant and a former sheriff of the City of London.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson, at an inquest at Margate on Tuesday.

Sir William told the Coroner that he brought his mother to Broadstairs on 15th August and left her at Elmwood Cottage with an elderly friend, Miss Thomas. On 27th August he was notified that his mother had met with an accident. When he saw her at Margate Hospital she said she was very annoyed with herself. He thought she had probably gone to get some water and in the dim light had taken a wrong turning and fallen down the stairs. Her cries attracted the attention of Miss Thomas, who was making tea downstairs, and she found Mrs. Threlford on the landing at the foot of the stairs. Miss Thomas called in a soldier, who carried Mrs. Threlford back to her bed, and phoned for a doctor.

Dr. J. C. McNaught said Mrs. Threlford told him she was going to s "good morning" to some soldiers from the window and must have turned to the right instead of the left. There was a bar placed across the top of the stairs and he thought that she must have mistaken the bar for the window and fallen. Mrs. Threlford was nearly blind.

Witness said that as a result of the fall Mrs. Threlford sustained a fractured right leg and death was due to heart failure. Had it not been for the accident she would still have been alive for she had a marvellous constitution.

IN CHILDREN'S HOUR

Bernard Warden, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Warden, of Norman-road, Ramsgate, sang in the B.B.C. Children's Hour last week, together with other choristers from Cranbrook School, where he is head choirboy.

The choir, known to Ramsgate audiences as the "Moments Musical," consisted of Alec Rush (leader), who introduced the party, Richard Ibbett, Bernard Warden, Peter Harold, Bryan Rook, Colin MacNichol and Owain Davies (pianist).

They sang "The merry month of May," "When the little dog came home again" and Doris Arnold's arrangement of "The Holy City." Owain Davies played a composition of his own entitled "Andante."

GOOD HEALTH

RAMSGATE PEOPLE KEEP FIT

In spite of the war, food rationing and the inevitable strain of living so close to enemy-occupied territory, the health of the people of Ramsgate remains good.

The annual report of the Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker), for the year 1942, is once again an exceedingly interesting document.

During the year the health of the borough remained good, says Dr. Walker, and although there was an epidemic of both measles and whooping-cough among the children, they were neither of them present in a severe form. Infant mortality remained comparatively low, though higher than the previous year. Both the death rate and the birth rate were lower.

On the subject of the deep tunnel shelters, Dr. Walker says:

"As remarked in my last annual report, the more pressing aspects of the problem had been solved by the end of 1941. During 1942 the number of persons making a habitual use of the deep tunnel shelters declined, though any temporary return of enemy air activity soon brought many back to sleep there. Certain persons continued to sleep in the tunnels irrespective of enemy action, but daytime use was restricted to a portion around each entrance, and then only during an actual alert.

Isolation Block.

"The medical aid post at one entrance continued to be staffed throughout the year and a steady trickle of minor ailments, for the most part quite unrelated to war conditions, were treated there. The nursing auxiliaries allocated to the post also proved their usefulness in the detection, in co-operation with the shelter wardens, of cases of infectious diseases. Owing to the position of the medical aid post so far towards the north-east end of the tunnel system, the Ministry of Health approved the establishment of a second medical aid post in a more central position. Work towards its completion was in hand by the end of the year and equipment for such a projected post had been received in 1941 from the Ministry of Health. I was not of the opinion that there was any great hurry to see the additional post established.

"Another problem solved during the year arose from the epidemic of measles and whooping-cough prevalent during the early summer. The means adopted to meet the situation was to clear a number of cubicles at the north-east end of the disused railway tunnel and to segregate patients there in what was in effect a cubicle isolation block. It was not possible, of course, to separate patients from the other members of their families, but family effects were moved by the wardens from the cubicles ordinarily occupied and remained in the isolation cubicle until all members of the family were clear of infection. A similar method was adopted in another part of the tunnel to segregate patients known to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. These made use of cubicles, when requested, for permanent occupation at night, away from other users of the shelter."

Freedom From Complaints.

Dealing with the same subject in his report, the Senior Sanitary Inspector (Mr. E. Young) states:

"The improvements effected in conditions during the previous year were maintained throughout 1942 and there is no doubt that the services of the tunnel wardens (nine male and three female) in a supervisory capacity were responsible for the orderly conduct and freedom from complaints of a public health nature.

"Each occupant of a bunk or cubicle has a card issued by this department bearing name, address, identity number and number of bunk or cubicle allotted.

"At one time a considerable number of persons used the shelters for a week or two after disturbed nights and then began to stay at home. In fact, in 1941 and the early part of 1942 every night attack brought a number of new applicants for bunk permits the following morning. Now the population appears to be sharply defined into two groups—(a) those who frequent the tunnels every night regardless of whether there is enemy activity, and (b) those who prefer to stay at home and adopt the attitude of "trust to luck."

The extract of vital statistics from the Medical Officer's report shows that live births during the year numbered 245, the percentage of illegitimate to total births being 10.6. Deaths numbered 249.

Ripe Old Age.

"It is interesting to note," says the Medical Officer, "that the reputation of Ramsgate for longevity remains unimpaired in spite of war-time conditions. The percentage of persons living to a ripe old age is even better than last year."

Of the 249 persons who died, 97 were over 75 years of age, and 161 over 65 years.

Another encouraging feature of the report is that approximately 70 per cent. of expectant mothers and of the children born attended the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

On 31st December, 1942, it was estimated that 29.7 per cent. of children under five years, and 61.6 per cent. of children between the ages of five and 15 had been immunised against diphtheria, but Dr. Walker does not consider these figures are entirely satisfactory.

In connection with the health of the school children, Dr. Walker says: "It is interesting to note that those children who remained in Ramsgate during 1940-41, appear to have been on average in rather better condition than children who returned from evacuation."

The report contains many interesting statistics, far too numerous to mention, and is a tribute to the efficiency of the health services in the town.

MINSTER

Parish Hall Dance.—Two hundred people were present at a dance held at Minster Parish Hall, in aid of the Piano Repair Fund. Don Beerling's Band played and the effort realised £8 5s. 8d.

Choir Social.—The choir of St. Mary's Church, Minster, held a social in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, and raised £9 for the Organ Repair Fund. Mr. F. Smith was M.C., and several short sketches were presented by Minster Dramatic Society.

Welfare Whist.—As the result of a whist drive held at Minster Parish Hall, on Wednesday, the A.T.C. Welfare Fund has benefited to the extent of £1 4s. 8d. Major W. Howard was M.C., and the prize-winners were: Mrs. White, Mrs. Ansell, Mr. W. Loveday, Mr. Barker, Mrs. Card, Mrs. Lomax and Mr. Brand.

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL

KEEPING IT BRIEF

The monthly meeting of Broadstairs Council, held at Pierremont Hall on Monday, was one of the shortest on record.

The reports of six standing committees were adopted without comment.

The only business transacted in public was the reading by the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) of two letters from the East Kent Road Car Co. concerning the recently instituted experimental bus service on Sunday afternoons from the Broadway to Margate Hospital.

The first letter, dated 19th October, stated that the service had been in operation for eight weeks and despite the publicity given had been very poorly patronised. The maximum number of passengers had been ten and the fares did not even cover the labour costs. The company regretted, therefore, that they found it necessary to recommend to the Traffic Commissioners that the service be discontinued. It was felt that it was not in the national interests to consume fuel for such a small number of passengers.

The second letter, dated 29th October, stated that in view of representations made by the committee of Margate and District General Hospital the service was being continued until 28th November to see whether the number of passengers would increase during the winter months. The question of continuance would then be reviewed.

BLOW TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT MILK PROPOSALS

Having considered the Government White Paper entitled "Measures to Improve the Quality of the Nation's Milk Supply" the Council have come to the conclusion that the necessary improvement in milk and dairies administration should be effected through the present framework of local government and not by transfer of powers from local authorities to the State.

Their views are to be communicated to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Minister of Health, Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.P. for Thanet, and the Urban District Councils' Association.

The report of the Health and Housing Committee stated that the committee had had under consideration a letter from the Sanitary Inspectors' Association embodying views of the Joint Council of the association on the Government proposals.

The following are extracts from the statement:

"The Association recognises that the present state of the nation's milk supply is not entirely satisfactory and that it is desirable to strengthen the present administrative machinery for the control of milk production and distribution. It is felt, however, that the unsatisfactory state of the milk supply at the present time has been somewhat exaggerated and the public needlessly alarmed. The association contends that there was a continuous improvement in the purity of milk up to the outbreak of war. The shortage of man-power and inadequate supplies of essential machinery and equipment have greatly increased the difficulties of the dairy trade, both in regard to production and distribution.

Veterinary Inspection.

"The Association welcomes the proposal that every dairy herd should be subjected to veterinary inspection at least once a year. It does not believe, however, that such infrequent inspection is adequate, and considers that the ideal should be a thorough clinical examination of every dairy cow at least four times a year. To achieve this ideal, the services of every veterinary surgeon in the country will be needed.

"Apart from the problem of infected milk, the supervision and control of milk to ensure a proper standard of quality is of vital importance. In this respect 'quality' implies a reasonable degree of cleanliness as well as a recognised chemical standard.

"Hitherto local sanitary authorities and county councils have been responsible jointly for the supervision of milk from the quality standpoint, the duty of county councils being concerned mainly with farms where graded milk is produced. It is true that for a variety of reasons the amount of control exercised by these authorities has varied within wide limits; and that the standards adopted have differed throughout the country; and that in some areas, the work has been inadequately performed.

"The bulk of milk is produced in sparsely populated areas, where the financial resources of the local authorities are limited. The association considers that it is unfair to expect a local authority, with limited funds, to bear the whole cost of the milk inspection service. The result of the present system has been inadequate staffs, often without proper travelling facilities.

The British Method.

"The association believes that the necessary improvements can be achieved within the existing framework of local government, by the simple method of Exchequer contributions to these authorities whose present financial resources are insufficient to enable them to maintain an adequate staff. In this way it is felt that the most effective service would be established, built on the sure foundation of local self government, which is so essentially the British method of dealing with matters of this kind. The supervision by officers of Government departments would be a safeguard which would prevent undue influence by purely parochial interests, and would ensure an efficient and vigorous administration.

"Finally, the association believes that the people of this country desire to retain the present system of local self government. The proposals outlined in the Government White Paper strike at the very roots of democratic local government and if adopted would, no doubt, be followed rapidly by other changes of a similar character. In short, the services now locally administered, would become State controlled and the people would have little voice in the direction of the work."

PIERREMONT RESTAURANT

SUB-COMMITTEE'S GOOD WORK

Although set up only on 7th September the Pierremont Restaurant Advisory Sub-committee has already met several times and appears to be doing good work.

As a result of recommendations made by the Sub-committee additional supplies of crockery are to be obtained to reduce undue strain on the kitchen staff, bread is to be made available for those requiring it and application is to be made to the Ministry of Food for the supply of a refrigerator.

The report of the advisory Sub-committee stated:-

"Arising out of the examination of the accounts of goods supplied for use in the restaurant, and with particular reference to the purchase of vegetables your Sub-committee came to the conclusion that, if the restaurant is to be operated on an economical basis, it is essential that all goods should be purchased in the cheapest market, due regard being had to the quality of the goods supplied, and that the purchase of goods from any one source cannot be justified solely on the grounds that the supplier is a local tradesman. Your sub-committee accordingly resolve to recommend—

"That, in the event of any vegetables which are required for use at the Restaurant not being obtainable from the Council's head-gardener, the cook-supervisor be authorized to purchase such vegetables from Mr. H. E. Johnson of Preston, or from the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board, occasional orders being placed with Mr. E. F. Stevenson of No. 30, Church Street, St. Peter's."

The Council endorsed the recomendation.

The accounts of the restaurant for the 5 weeks ended 2nd October showed a surplus carried to the net revenue account of £9 2s. 5d.

CAN YOU PASS THE SOUP TEST?

One of the most ill-treated items on our menus is soup. Astonishingly few people can make good soup, yet it is as simple as A.B.C. and such a useful accomplishment. When you get home tired and cold after a long day's work, there is nothing so cheery as soup. A good thick soup can be a meal in itself.

First remember that a nourishing substantial soup need have neither meat nor bones in it. If you do use bones because you happen to have them, the liquid must be skimmed free of fat before it is used. Fat is good in soup, but it must be carefully incorporated with the other ingredients, never allowed to float free on the top.

Lastly, good soup must be beautifully flavoured and served very hot.

Cream of Parsnip Soup.

2 pints water or stock
1½lb. parsnips, peeled and shredded
½ leek or onion if available
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons flour
4 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Put water or stock in a pan and bring to boil. When boiling add shredded parsnip and chopped leek and seasoning. Boil for 20 minutes. Mix flour to a smooth paste with a little water. Add lumps. Cook for 2 minutes. Add milk and reheat but do not reboil. Stir in coarsely chopped parsley just before serving.

Potato Soup.

2 pints stock or water
1½lbs. potatoes, diced
Small piece of leek or onion, chopped
2 or 3 sage leaves or pinch of herbs
Salt and pepper.

Boil the stock or water, add the diced potatoes and chopped leek or onion. Powder the sage leaves and add with the seasoning. Simmer with the lid on until the potato is soft. Mash well. Add more liquid if required. Re-heat. For variations sprinkle in grated cheese, shredded raw cabbage or coarsely chopped parsley just before serving.

Haricot Bean Soup.

6oz. haricot beans
2 pints water
2 medium potatoes, sliced
1 medium carrot, diced
Small piece turnip, diced
Salt and pepper.
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Wash beans and soak in the water for 24 hours. Place the beans in a pan with the water in which they were soaked. Bring to the boil and simmer until tender. Prepare and dice the root vegetables, add to the beans and cook until the vegetables are soft (about 15 minutes). Mash with wooden spoon, add salt and pepper and serve. Sprinkle in coarsely chopped parsley just before serving.

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Hundred Percenters

RAMSGATE COUNCIL ATTENDANCES

Members of Ramsgate Town Council generally have an excellent record of attendances during the past year, 21 of the 30 having attended more than two-thirds of the possible number of meetings of the Council, Council in committee, standing and special committees, and standing sub-committees.

Top marks go to Alderman C. R. Woodhams with 105 meetings and a percentage of 100. A similar percentage was gained by Councillor D. J. R. Smith, who attended 71 meetings. Most meetings were attended by Alderman A. E. Petley, who was absent from only three of a possible 118 meetings, and has a percentage of 97·29.

The number of meetings attended and the percentage attendances of the other members is as follows:

Councillor Ballard (13), 100 per cent.; Alderman Mrs. Dunn (87), 92·55; Alderman Mallam (72), 92·31; Alderman Hawkins (92), 92; Councillor O. Hughes (69), 90·79; Councillor Martin (83), 90·22; Councillor Love (75), 84·27; Councillor Harcourt Samuel (88), 83·81; Councillor Grummant (10), 83·33; Councillor Gray (8), 80; Councillor Butler (46), 79·31; Councillor D. M. Hughes (10), 76·92; Councillor Turner (55), 76·39; Councillor Prestedge (53), 75·71; Councillor Austin (62), 75·61; Councillor Caffell (35), 71·43; Councillor Farmer (59), 69·41; Alderman Smith (61), 66·30; Councillor Dr. Duffy (49), 66·22; Alderman White (46), 64·79; Councillor Young (38), 55·07; Councillor Mrs. Nicholson (31), 51·67; Councillor Miller (48), 41·74; Councillor Dr. Crawford (34), 40·48; Alderman Twigger (27), 39·71; the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) (60), 32·79; Councillor Sanders (called to H.M. Forces) (3), 7·32.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 6.3 p.m.	—7.25 a.m.
Wednesday	.. 6.1 p.m.	—7.26 a.m.
Thursday	... 6.0 p.m.	—7.28 a.m.
Friday	... 5.59 p.m.	—7.30 a.m.
Saturday	... 5.57 p.m.	—7.31 a.m.
Sunday	... 5.55 p.m.	—7.33 a.m.
Monday	... 5.53 p.m.	—7.35 a.m.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The marriage will take place shortly between Lieut. Comdr. Norman Craig, R.N.V.R., Thanet's Member of Parliament, and Dorothy, widow of the late Lieut. A. W. Stone, R.N.V.R., of Hoylake.

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Sgt. William S. Ralph, R.E., whose parents live at 4, Beresford-road, Ramsgate, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at the front. He has a brother, Sgt.-Major Edgar Ralph who, while serving in the Buffs, was awarded the Military Cross.

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Pte. C. Setterfield, who was well-known in Ramsgate as a newsboy before joining the Army, writes from France that he is in a convalescent camp recovering from an attack of dysentery.

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Rflmn. H. E. Harrison, of Cliftonville, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. He was formerly a clerk in the offices of the Thanet Board of Guardians and has three brothers serving.

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Miss Gwendoline Speed, formerly of Ramsgate, was recently married in Winnipeg, Canada, to Cadet G. F. Penny, R.A.F., of Folkestone.

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Sig. L. W. Brockman, one of the Thanet Advertiser printers, who has seen service in Italy and France, is home on leave after fourteen months abroad. He comes from the Cambrai sector where, he says, the enemy is so thick that the Artillery, to which he belongs, cannot help hitting something wherever they aim.

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Films now showing at the Queen's Theatre, Ramsgate, include "Ambition," starring Lydia Borelli. In a forthcoming production William Fox will present Virginia Pearson in "Stolen Honour."

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The chimes of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, rang out on Friday in celebration of the Turkish surrender.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

A cormorant has been shot in Ramsgate and, having been preserved by Mr. Sherrin, the taxidermist, of Codrington-road, is now on view at the picture frame shop in High-street.

Inspector Blake Jones, the R.S.P.C.A. officer at Margate, has moved to Ipswich and has been succeeded at Margate by Inspector Walding, from Tottenham.

An ice dock 70 feet long and 30 feet wide, capable of receiving 700 tons of natural ice, is rapidly nearing completion at Ramsgate Harbour.

The Rev. R. Payne-Smith was inducted as Vicar of St. Lawrence by the Bishop of Dover on Tuesday.

Ramsgate Rifle Volunteers held a fancy dress ball at St. George's Parish Hall on Monday.

H.M.S. Cockchafer, on fishery duty, arrived in Ramsgate Harbour on Friday. She is the first gunboat to visit the port for a long time.

The allotment gardeners of the Pierremont Estate, Broadstairs, held their annual dinner on Saturday, with Capt. Atkinson Grimshaw, Duke of Connaught's Own V.B. Hampshire Regt., in the chair.

The Rev. A. E. Molineaux, of Caversham, Reading, has accepted the living of St. Mary's, Minster.

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ALLEGED THEFT FROM MINSTER SCHOOL

An 18-year-old Minster youth is alleged to have told the police that he unscrewed a plate securing the lock of the front door at Minster Church of England School, took a wireless set from one of the classrooms and refitted the plate as he left the building.

When the youth, Arthur Frederick John Eastland, of Prospect-road, Minster, appeared at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday, charged with the theft of the set, valued at £7, the magistrates committed him for trial at the East Kent Quarter Sessions to be held at Canterbury early in January.

Albert Henry Barker, of Uplands, Monkton-road, Minster, caretaker of Minster Church of England School, said he went to the school at 7 p.m. on 26th September to change some towels and on leaving locked everything securely. The wireless set was kept in a classroom and witness last saw it there on 24th September.

The headmaster of the school, Harry Rushton Cooke, of The Elms, Acol, said he last saw the wireless set in the school at 9.25 p.m. on 24th September when it was in the west classroom. Witness unlocked the school at 8.40 a.m. on 27th September and on going in could not find the set, which he valued at approximately £10.

P/S. Wilkinson, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, said that at 3.30 p.m. on 28th September, after exhaustive enquiries, he saw defendant at Minster Railway Station. After some hesitation he admitted that he took the set from Minster school and added that he sold it to a pawnbroker in Canterbury for £5. Later the same day witness went with Eastland and P/S. Webb, of Canterbury, to a second-hand shop in Canterbury, and there recovered the wireless set.

Set Left in Porch.

Witness afterwards took Eastland to Broadstairs police station where he made a statement in which he said that at about 10 p.m. on 26th September he went to the school. Unscrewing a plate securing the lock of the front door he entered and took a portable wireless set off a table in a classroom. "I wrapped it in paper and brought it out of the school," the statement continued, "and then I rescrewed the metal on the door and left the wireless set in the porch."

Eastland then stated that he stopped on his way to the railway station the following morning to pick up the set and instead of going to his work he travelled to Canterbury and took the set to a second-hand shop, where he sold it.

When charged with the offence at the police station Eastland made no reply.

At 10.45 that morning witness saw defendant at Ramsgate police station and charged him with looting, and again he made no reply.

When the charges were read out to defendant he said "There is no other evidence given to say that I took the set, only what I said to Sergeant Wilkinson."

As stated defendant was committed for trial at East Kent Quarter Sessions. He was granted bail on his own surety of £5.

MR. S. J. MILLER

DEATH OF ASSISTANT FIRE GUARD OFFICER

Mr. Samuel J. Miller, of West Cliff-road, Ramsgate, who was the town's assistant fire guard officer, died on Tuesday at the age of 50 years.

Formerly a member of the wardens' service, Mr. Miller was transferred to the fire guard department early in 1942. Some time ago ill-health necessitated his absence from work for a month and although he resumed his duties sickness again compelled him recently to relinquish them.

Mr. Miller leaves a widow, who is a full-time member of the Civil Defence services, and two daughters, one of whom is serving in the A.T.S. The other is living in Cornwall.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

ART.

The relationship of art to industry and life provided the president, Mr. Samuel Courtald, with an enthralling topic at the inaugural meeting of the Association of Art Institutions, the objects of which are to facilitate agreed action amongst governing bodies, to promote the efficient organisation and management of colleges and schools of art and to assist the development of art education. Art, said Mr. Courtald, was the most civilising power the world had known and one of the functions of art training was to raise the general level of public taste. The readiest way of raising public taste was to make sure that objects of common use were beautiful and useful. Fitness for function was one of the qualities of beauty, possibly the highest qualification of all. There was a well publicised school of thought which maintained in effect that stark simplicity was in fact the highest form of beauty. This meant little but rigid lines, harsh angles and an occasional rudimentary curve. Every grace, every little flower of human spirit, was rigorously excluded. This was the most cowardly and defeatist art doctrine which it was possible to conceive—never to risk anything lest we give ourselves away. To ensure that articles are beautiful as well as useful Mr. Courtald urged the encouragement of the artistic qualities of the craftsmen to the utmost.

AVOIDING SAMENESS.

When the war is over there will be a great change in the factories from war to peace production and a rush to replace stocks depleted by the war. One hesitates, in view of the controversy over controls, to advocate any further extension such as, perhaps, a Ministry of Art, but it could certainly perform a very useful function in the State. Mass production which arrives at cheap costs through multiple repetition deadens the taste and is wearisome of the eye and the spirit of the user, even if the design is good. Variety is stated to be the spice of life but mass production, although it has conferred great benefits on the community, reduces variety. After the last war masses of Council houses were built and what a deplorable picture many of them present to-day. We have been promised pre-fabricated houses after this war but I hope the nation has advanced sufficiently artistically to prevent the soul-destroying sameness which the thought of pre-fabrication at first suggests. This thought was obviously in the minds of members of Ramsgate Town Council when they urged caution on the subject of street widening.

RUBBING IT IN.

Anything out of the ordinary is news, and this probably accounts for the space devoted in the national press to the nuisance raids on this country. People are apt to lose sight of the weight of our own bomber offensive compared with that of the enemy. Seventy-four thousand tons of bombs were dropped by Bomber Command and the U.S. Air Force based in this country on Germany and German-occupied Europe in the 100 days and nights from 9th July to 17th October. Compared with this tremendous bombardment, the Germans in this 100 day period dropped about 480 tons of bombs on this country—all by night—and in doing so lost about ten per cent. of their raiding force. The R.A.F. averaged 480 tons of bombs per night in that period on Germany, whereas the enemy dropped only 480 tons in the whole 100 nights. Our losses were less than those we incurred in a similar period last year—a less percentage of loss inflicted on us by the enemy in spite of all the additions to their defences and the efforts they have made to defeat our tactics. Therefore, however much one must deplore the loss of the cream of our countrymen, one can feel gratified that the losses have remained less than they were a year ago.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL ENGINEER.

"The abilities in the individual are a debt due to the common stock of public benefit and happiness." A hundred guesses and you would still probable be unable to name the author of these words. They were uttered by John Smeaton, engineer for the construction of Ramsgate Harbour, who died 151 years ago this week. Smeaton was a great engineer and the Eddystone lighthouse still stands as a monument to his skill. He was surveyor for the construction of several lighthouses at Spurn Head and other works undertaken by him were the Tay Bridge at Perth, the Forth and Clyde canal, the rebuilding of London Bridge and the rendering navigable of the river Calder. In addition Smeaton knew something of astronomy and philosophy. A biographer describes him thus: "A man of gentle, refined bearing, cautious in his projects and deeply religious, Smeaton was unambitious of wealth and worldly honours. While others were making money through his enterprise, he was satisfied with two guineas a day." The twentieth century could do with a few more men with Smeaton's ideals.

ENORMOUS CHANGES

DEBT TO RAMSGATE EDUCATION CHIEFS

The hope that, after the Government scheme of educational reform had been carried through, Ramsgate Education Committee would still be able to take an interest in local education and serve the cause of the rising generation, was expressed by the Vice-Chairman (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel), at a meeting of the Ramsgate Education Committee, on Wednesday.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Alderman W. T. Smith), and the vice-chairman, for their services during the year, Councillor P. Turner said the past year had been a very important one so far as education was concerned, and the chairman and vice-chairman had done a lot of work of which the members had received only brief reports. The committee were indebted to them for their services. If the reforms which had been envisaged by the Government White Paper were for the better education of the children of the country, they would all row in to support them.

Seconding the motion, Alderman C. R. Woodhams paid tribute to the work of the co-opted members, and in particular to that of Mr. W. A. Davies, headmaster of Hereson School.

Alderman Smith said great changes were taking place, but they hoped to see one or two alterations in the Government proposals.

ARMY TIMBER

SOLDIERS GET BENEFIT OF DOUBT

An unusual defence to a theft summons was successfully offered by a solicitor at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday.

Gnr. George Alfred Babbs, aged 30, and Gnr. John Dutton, 32, both attached to a Royal Artillery battery, were summoned for being concerned together in the theft of twenty lengths of timber, the property of the Government, at Minster, on 29th September.

Defendants were represented by Mr. E. C. Allfree.

Raymond John Johnson, a market gardener, of Tothill-street, Minster, said two soldiers, one of whom he recognised in court as Babbs, called at his house about 1 p.m. on 29th September. They asked him if he did joinery work and if he would be interested in buying some timber. He replied that he would be glad of some timber if it was obtained honestly. They said they would bring some at the first opportunity, probably during the evening. As witness was "a bit doubtful" he notified the police and asked them to find out whether or not the timber had been stolen.

While he was away from home a quantity of timber was left at his premises. About 9 p.m. Babbs came to his house and told him he had put the timber on his premises. Witness asked him about the quantity and the price and while they were trying to make a settlement the police arrived. Although "a fair price" had been mentioned when the soldiers came earlier in the day no actual figure had been agreed upon.

In reply to Mr. Allfree witness said the soldiers did not tell him that they were bringing the timber for it to be planed.

No Authority to Sell.

Capt. Norman Spencer Daniels, acting commanding officer of defendants' unit, said he gave Babbs permission to use the timber to make various odd items which the battery needed from time to time. Babbs was given no authority to take the timber away to sell or give it to other people.

Witness agreed, in answer to Mr. Allfree, that it was common for soldiers to seek assistance from civilians in connection with work for which proper accommodation was not available at their units. If Babbs wanted to carry out work with the timber outside the unit, but on behalf of the unit, he would have raised no objection to that being done. It would not have been necessary for Babbs to ask his permission to do this.

P/C Ansell said that in consequence of information received he and W/R Spicer kept observation in the vicinity of Johnson's house. Two soldiers approached and Dutton remained outside the gate while Babbs knocked on the door. Johnson and Babbs went into a yard where there was some timber and witness then entered and told Babbs he was a police officer. Asked what he was doing with the timber the soldier replied "I put it here to to be planed up." He denied that he had stolen it.

In a statement to P/C Ansell Babbs told him that he took the timber from his unit as he had permission from Capt. Daniels to take what he required for use in connection with his work.

Babbs was again interviewed in the presence of Capt. Daniels and the latter said "I certainly gave Babbs permission to use wood for the battery." Witness pointed out to Babbs that Johnson had said he came to him for the purpose of selling the timber, and in reply Babbs said "He must have misunderstood me."

Knew Nothing About It.

Dutton, interviewed at the same time, said "Yes, I went with Babbs to the house in Tothill-street. I heard something said about planing." Dutton added "Why should I be summoned? I know nothing about the timber."

Addressing the magistrates Mr. Allfree submitted that his clients had no case to answer. According to the evidence of the prosecution Babbs was lawfully in possession of the timber and if he could find a more convenient place to work he had the right to take it away from the unit. He was therefore legally in possession of the timber as baillie and until he had done some definite act to convert it to his own use he could not have stolen it. He had not, in fact, sold or given it away.

The chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve): A price was in view.

Mr. Allfree agreed and added that Babbs might have had an unlawful intention in his mind but that intention was not carried out. "By the grace of God" said the solicitor "he did not commit a crime.

The case against both defendants was dismissed, the chairman stating that although the magistrates had "grave doubts about the whole matter" they had decided to give Babbs the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. Allfree then applied for costs against the police. "If they had made enquiries of Capt. Daniels" he said "they would have known what the facts were and the case would not have been brought."

The application was refused.

TWO COUNCILLORS

ELECTED AT MARGATE.

Two new members were elected under the war-time procedure at a special meeting of Margate Town Council, on Tuesday.

Five nominations were received for the two vacancies in the Marine and Westgate Wards, and the two elected were Mr. Gordon Aubrey Kirby, outfitter, of Hawley-street (Marine Ward) and Mr. Edward Carlton Mitchison, railwayman, of Belgrave-road, Margate (Westgate Ward).

Mr. Mitchison was previously a member of the Council.

It is understood that the other candidates were Mr. J. Armes, proprietor of the Parade Cinema, Mr. W. T. Eden, a prominent trades unionist, and Mr. E. Mancey, manager of Dreamland.

Another vacancy on the Council has been created by the resignation of Alderman C. C. C. Kenrick.

VICTORY BY A POINT

By the narrowest of margins—262-261—Ramsgate police defeated a Royal Navy team in a shooting match on Wednesday.

The scores were:

Navy—A/B Smart 15 and 20, L/S Tucker 15 and 17, L/S Price 15 and 15, L/S Harmer 15 and 20, L/S Chapman 15 and 16, L/S Norris 20 and 19, A/B Gray 15 and 13, C.P.O. Gray 15 and 16.

Police—W/R Scott 15 and 18, S/C Wales 20 and 18, T/C.I. Hicks 15 and 17, P/C Housden 15 and 14, T/P.S. Jenner 15 and 19, S/C Luckett 15 and 17, P/C Shanahan 20 and 16, S/C Fearn 15 and 13.

Ramsgate Town Council

STANDING ORDERS DEBATE

For the second month in succession, Ramsgate Town Council, on Thursday, debated for over an hour a proposed amendment to Standing Orders.

At the suggestion of the Ministry of Health Council in Committee recommended an addition to Standing Orders absolving them from the obligation to invite tenders for a contract for the supply of goods or materials in respect of which effective competition is prevented by Governmental control, of publishing a notice of intention to enter into any contract or to publish notice of the intention to enter into a contract for the supply of goods or materials where a substantial proportion of the price is likely to be attributable to haulage.

Moving the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee, the Chairman (Alderman J. J. White), said the view of the Ministry was that because wartime controls rendered effective competition impossible it was a waste of money to advertise. He did not agree with the view expressed at the previous meeting that they would be giving away any of their powers by adopting the proposal. The committees would still report to the Finance Committee on any contracts, and the Finance Committee would report to the Council.

Control More Remote.

Moving the deletion of the recommendation, Councillor A. R. Young said that if it were adopted, control by the Council would be more remote than before. It would be less necessary for the Council to exercise their control for they would be less to blame if anything went wrong. The effect of the alteration would be that the Council would have no effective control over any contracts which might be made. The official responsible would make the contract and report to his committee, but he suggested it would be reported in a very sketchy manner.

He understood, said Councillor Young, that the Council had not suffered the loss of a contract for want of some machinery such as that now proposed, yet they were told it would make it easier to conduct the business of the Council. He supposed that meant there would be less discussion on contracts. If the Council had not suffered any inconveniences in the past what was the reason for wishing to alter the procedure? Alderman White had told them that by passing the recommendation they would be making legal something they had been doing in the past, yet what had been done had been done quite legally. Why was there the necessity for legalising something which was already legal? Either they were legalising something which they had done wrongly in the past, or there was no wrong to put right.

The Only Reason.

The only reason given for the proposed alteration was that they would be saving the expense of advertising, yet in the past they had already authorised the responsible official to dispense with advertising.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J. B. Butler.

Councillor G. W. Caffell pointed out that the recommendation referred only to controlled articles, and they still had power to advertise for other commodities.

Councillor O. Hughes said the argument that they would be saving the cost of advertising carried no weight, for he did not remember any advertisement for contracts having been published during the past three years.

Councillor S. E. Austin said Councillor Young had given a false impression when he said that officials could make contracts. They could not do so, for all contracts had to come under the common seal.

The Deputy-Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) deplored the suggestion contained in Councillor Young's speech that there was an ulterior motive somewhere.

Commenting that he had kept silent for the past three years, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said he was against giving away any more of their powers. "The time has come when we should show them where we stand," said Alderman Kempe.

On being put to the vote, the motion to delete the recommendation was rejected by 16 votes to 10.

Further Amendments.

Alderman R. J. Mallam moved and Councillor Young seconded, a further motion that the proposed amendment to Standing Orders should be for the duration and six months after the termination of hostilities.

Councillor D. M. Hughes described the debate as "much ado about nothing." The whole matter had been wrapped up in verbose statements and some members seemed to be telling them they had no confidence in any of the committees of the Council.

The amendment was defeated.

Councillor Young asked leave to submit a third amendment, but since he was unable to do so it was moved by Councillor O. Hughes and seconded by Councillor Young.

This amendment sought to ensure that the entering into contracts should be reported to committees and so to the Council.

Alderman Twigger declared that Councillor Young was trying to fog the issue with legal jargon. He knew that no committee could incur any expenditure unless it was brought before the Council and passed by the Council. He knew that no official could enter into any contract. Why were these inferences being made? It was being suggested that someone somehow was going to "sell" the Council.

The amendment was defeated and the recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted.

EAST CLIFF SPORTS CENTRE

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF THANET BOWLS CLUB.

If a recommendation of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee bears fruit, the Council will acquire a valuable sports centre on the East Cliff.

The Chairman (Councillor O. Hughes) reported to the committee that the sub-committee formed to go into the question of post war planning in relation to the activities of his committee had viewed land in Montefiore-avenue belonging to Thanet Bowls Club, Ltd., which it was felt desirable that the Council should acquire.

The property has a frontage to Montefiore-avenue of 280 feet, and comprises approximately two acres. Up to 1939, when the grounds were kept in good condition, there was a full size bowling green of six rinks, nine tennis courts and also several outbuildings, including a large pavilion (since partly damaged by fire) with refreshment bar, dressing rooms with lavatories and tool store. The land, which is at present let for grazing purposes at £6 per annum, is subject to a tithe rent charge of £1 per annum.

The sub-committee, stated the report, have ascertained that the price asked for the freehold is £2,000, but they have every reason to think that an offer of £1,000 would be accepted.

The committee recommend that subject to the approval of the Council in Committee an offer of £1,500 be made for the freehold, and that if such offer was accepted, application be made to the Minister of Health for sanction to borrow the purchase money and costs.

AFTER ALTERATIONS

WE RE-OPEN THIS WEEK

AT 23-25, GEORGE STREET

SHOOTERS

RAMSGATE

C.D. STAFF SALARY INCREASES.

At the request of the Sub-Controller (Chief Inspector H. G. Butcher), the Civil Defence Committee have reviewed the salaries of certain of the Civil Defence staff.

As a result of the review, the following increases have been granted:

Miss Currey, shorthand typist—increase of 5s. to £2 15s. per week.

Mr. Kirkaldie, storeman caretaker—increase of 4s. 6d. to £3 18s. 6d. per week.

Mr. Bone, storekeeper—increase of 4s. 6d. to £3 18s. 6d. per week.

A proposal that the salary of Mr. Barney, Assistant A.R.P. Officer, should be increased by £15 to £300 per annum was referred back to the Council in Committee for further consideration.

IN BRIEF

Councillor T. H. Prestedge and the Senior Sanitary Inspector (Mr. E. Young) have been authorised to attend a conference of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, to be held in London on 25th and 26th November.

A sub-committee consisting of Councillors Prestedge, Mrs. F. Dunn and Dr. A. Duffy has been appointed to consider in detail the Government's proposals for improvement of the quality of the milk supply.

Mr. D. B. Forward has been appointed Deputy Officer-in-charge at the Report and Control Centre at a "lead" rate of 7s. 6d. a week, the appointment to be reviewed in three months time.

Eight members of the Rescue Service who underwent training and examination at the Surrey County Rescue School obtained their "B" category certificates with an aggregate of over 70 per cent. of marks, which is considered eminently satisfactory.

The following names are to be submitted to the Ministry of Food for appointment as members of the Food Control Committee: Aldermen W. Hawkins, R. J. Mallam, A. E. Petley, G. W. Twigger and C. R. Woodhams and Councillors Ballard, Mrs. F. Dunn, F. C. Miller, Mrs. Nicholson, T. H. Prestedge and D. M. Hughes (consumer members), Messrs. F. L. Drayson, G. T. Manning, H. Page, W. P. Sanders and F. Stone (trade members) and Mr. G. Pitfield (trade employee member).

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. NEVILLE

Wife of Mr. J. Neville, who is well-known in the district as a market gardener, Mrs. Amelia May Neville, of Durlock, Minster has died after a long illness.

Eighty-four years old Mrs. Neville lived in Minster for 40 years, coming from Isleworth, Middlesex. Besides the widower she leaves four daughters and three sons. There are two grandsons serving in the R.A.F. as pilots, and another who is a wireless operator in the Royal Canadian Navy. Miss Peggy Barclay, a granddaughter, is a member of the W.R.N.S.

When the funeral took place at Minster, on Wednesday, the committal service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael) and chief mourners were the widower, Mr. and Mrs. D. Neville (son and daughter-in law), Mr. E. Neville (son), Mr. and W. P. Barclay (son-in-law and daughter), Miss M. D. Barclay (granddaughter) and Mrs. E. Lucas.

FARMING'S SECOND GREAT PLANK

The Minister of Agriculture has spoken in Parliament about the findings of 44 nations at the Hot Springs Conference and of their meaning for British agriculture. Mr. Hudson then posed the question of how the Conference's resolutions fit in with our war-time food production policy and with the policy underlying plans for the next four years. He answered that the best contribution that this country will be able to make to mitigate hunger and distress throughout the world is to go on producing the maximum amount of foodstuffs from our own soil as long as this is necessary.

The Minister dealt with the two phases of the food production campaign. The first phase—the striving with might and main to get more and more land under crops for direct human consumption and to push up milk production to the highest possible level—had ended, he said. We were now entering the second phase—the target being the maintenance of the present high level of production of human food, while taking steps to ensure that soil fertility is not undermined, which necessarily involves also an increase in livestock and livestock products. That is the basis of the plan for the next four years.

This was developed in a recent speech by Mr. Hudson at Carmarthen. Put briefly, the great extension of our arable acreage requires more livestock. That need will become intensified as the area under seeds and temporary leys increases. That does not mean more land under grass, but much more productive land, both in quantity and quality, than the old pasture being replaced by leys as the plough steadily goes round the farm. But, as Mr. Hudson told Parliament, we must not only be concerned with increasing our stock; quality must be materially improved, especially if we are to maintain or, if possible, increase our record liquid milk output and improve quality. This is an essential part of farming's Four Year Plan—"The second great plank," the Minister called it.

KENT BOXERS

HELP THANET CADET CORPS

Fighters from the Army, Home Guard, Kent coalfields and well-known clubs took part in the boxing tournament at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, in aid of the sports fund of the 4th (Thanet) Cadet Battalion the Buffs.

The show provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment and it was unfortunate that the tournament did not get anything like the support it deserved. The enthusiastic cadets training to take their places in the Army are worthy of all the patronage Thanet can give them.

The best display of the evening came from Johnnie Mitchell, of Rochester B.C., and Cadet E. Petts, the 1943 A.T.C. welter weight champion.

After the fourth round in which both boxers hammered each other incessantly, drawing blood on both sides, Petts came to the fore and the fifth and last rounds were his. There was little in it, however, and although Petts was the winner, Mitchell earned a good cheer.

A Disappointment.

When Tommy Fox, of London, retired hurt in the third round of his bout with Jack Clark, of Chatham B.C., the crowd were very disappointed for this was developing into an exciting and interesting fight. Both men mixed it from the start and Fox, by far the lighter boxer, was faster on his feet. Early in the third round a hard punch closed Fox's right eye and, on the doctor's order, he retired.

The middle-weight contest between Tommy Gray (Chatham B.C.) and Gnr. Robinson, did not produce much scientific fighting. Gray, who adopted a crouching stance, ran into trouble many times and although Robinson did not take full advantage of his oportunities he won the fight on points.

Cadet E. Neal, who won this year's A.T.C. bantam-weight championship, revealed himself as a stylish boxer, en easily won his fight against Al Edwards (Chatham). They fought hard in the third round and after that Neal had things much his own way, although Edwards put up a game fight and defended well.

Pte. B. Hall (Kent Home Guard) and Pte. Reg. Howells (Southern Railway) met in a six-rounds welterweight fight. Hall was the more agile of the two and Howells could seldom find the mark. Hall won a popular victory.

Lively Contest.

A lively and close fight was seen between two sixteen-year-olds, George Morrant (Chatham) and Young Nealous (Kent Coal Fields). Nealous handed out heavy punishment in the second round, and although the exchanges were more even in the third, the fourth round—and the fight—went to him.

Gnr. Wright had a big weight advantage over Pte. G. Targett (Kent Home Guard) in their six rounds at featherweight. Targett, who is a former member of Ramsgate Boxing Club, and his opponent exchanged swift blows right from the gong and both were showing signs of wear in the third round. It was obviously Wright's fight, however, in spite of a good rally by Targett in the closing round.

The telling left of Alf Barnard (Rochester) gained him the victory over Jim Quilter (Kent Coal Fields), in a six-round fight at featherweight, and Johnnie McCairns (Kent Coal Fields) also won on points against Lce. Bdr. Ted Mallin, R.A.

The referee gave Pte. Hall the decision against R. Spackman (Alexandra B.C.).

Silver cups and attractive prizes were afterwards presented to all the fighters by Capt. H. D. Rose, commanding officer of the Battalion. They were given by the Samson Novelty Co., Capt. and Mrs. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, who organised the show, Mr. S. Harvey (brother of Len Harvey), Mr. H. Bligh and Messrs. T. G. Challis & Co.

Unfortunately Sid Trett, of Folkestone, was unable to M.C. the show and P/C Jordan stepped into the breach at the last moment.

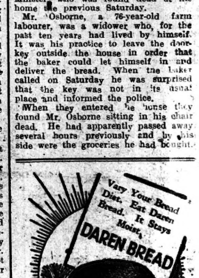
The officials were—referees: Mr. Will Cozzi and Mr. Fred Davis; judges: Messrs. E. Lawbuary, E. Cullen and C. Christie; M.C.: P/C Jordan; timekeeper: Mr. J. Mason; medical officer: Dr. D. P. Crawford.

DEAD IN CHAIR

The funeral took place at Monkton on Wednesday, of Mr. William John Osborne, of The Rest, Monkton-road, Minster, who was found dead at his home the previous Saturday.

Mr. Osborne, a 76-year-old farm labourer, was a widower who, for the past ten years had lived by himself. It was his practice to leave the door-key outside the house in order that the baker could let himself in and deliver the bread. When the baker called on Saturday he was surprised that the key was not in its usual place and informed the police.

When they entered the house they found Mr. Osborne sitting in his chair dead. He had apparently passed away several hours previously and by his side were the groceries he had bought.



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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 23rd October amounted to £2,925. For the two preceding weeks the figures were £4,021 and £4,189.

Births and Deaths.—Eight boys and two girls were born in Ramsgate during September. During the same month the deaths were registered of four males and five females.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Open Pen Show.—Ramsgate and District Rabbit Club are holding an open pen show of rabbits and pigeons at St. Ethelbert's Hall, Hereson-road, on Saturday and Sunday. Entries should be sent to Mr. F. W. Griggs, 202 Hereson-road, Ramsgate.

Failed to Halt.—A fine of 10s. was imposed by the magistrates at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday, on Richard John Castle, of Claremont-place, Canterbury, who was summoned for failing to comply with a "Halt" sign at Minster on 17th September. The case was proved by P/C Denne.

Dance Extensions.—Extensions until 11.30 p.m. for dances at the West Cliff Theatre on 18th and 26th November were granted at Ramsgate police court on Monday. Mr. W. G. Love successfully applied for occasional liquor licences from 7.30 till 11 p.m. in connection with the events.

Guy Fawkes' Day Ball.—We can't celebrate Guy Fawkes' Day with fireworks this year but we can celebrate in another way. On Friday night there is to be a ball at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, organised by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) in aid of the Services' Comforts and Entertainments Fund. Dancing will be from 7.15 to 11.15 p.m., and there is a licensed bar until 11. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, are obtainable at the door or from the Mayor's secretary (Mrs. Peete) at Clarendon House.

BROADSTAIRS

Education Sunday.—The preacher at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, and St. Peter's Church, on Education Sunday, was the Rev. A. Clifford Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education.

Savings.—Broadstairs and St. Peter's invested £862 during the week ended 23rd October. The amount was made up of Savings Certificates £400, and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank, £462.

Training Children.—The training of children formed the subject of a talk by Mrs. Roundhill, wife of the Rev. J. H. Roundhill (Vicar of St. Lawrence), at a meeting of the younger wives held at Broadstairs Rectory, on Tuesday.

W.V.S. Whist.—The weekly whist drive held on Wednesday, by the Broadstairs W.V.S., in aid of Mrs. B. J. Pearson's Wool Fund, was well attended and the winners were: Mrs. E. J. Tucker, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Forde. Mrs. Weir, the M.C., was assisted by Mrs. Jacobsen.

Church Finance.—The financial position of the church was discussed when the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, met under the chairmanship of the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey). It was decided to hold small social parties for troops during the winter.

Girls' Club Auction.—Councillor B. Humphrey was M.C. at a whist drive held by Broadstairs and St. Peter's Girls' Club at their headquarters. As a result of the drive and an auction of gifts, the sum of £12 was realised. Fourteen tables were in play and prizes were won by Capt. Johnson, Miss Kilkenny, Councillor Humphrey, Mrs. Gentles, Miss Coxwell, Miss E. M. Smith, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Sibley, Miss Norris, Mrs. Stillman, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Clegg.

ACOL MEN DECORATED

An Acol man and another who formerly lived there have been awarded service decorations.

"For "courage, coolness and devotion to duty in many hazardous mine-laying operations while serving in a motor launch," Ldg.-Stkr. William Harold Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, formerly of Church-street, Acol, and now of Odsal, receives the Distinguished Service Medal.

The Military Cross has been won by Lt. Thomas Bernard Commiade, Royal West Kents, of Thane, Acol, for services in Sicily. His wife and young daughter are living at Acol.

SHOT SOLDIER

DEATH IN RAMSGATE HOSPITAL

Suffering from a gun-shot wound, a 28-year-old soldier was admitted to Ramsgate General Hospital on Friday night and, although doctors attempted to save his life by a blood transfusion, he died early on Sunday morning.

An inquest concerning the death of the soldier, Pte. Harold Michael Burke, of Hamworth, Birmingham, was conducted by the Ramsgate Deputy Coroner (Mr. E. C. Allfree) on Monday.

Evidence of identification was given by Major R. F. H. Ross.

Dr. D. P. Crawford told the Coroner that Burke was brought into the hospital on Friday night, suffering from a gun-shot wound and shock. He was conscious and was given a blood transfusion. Although this was continued, he died at 5 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Allfree decided to adjourn the inquest until Monday next in order that a jury could attend.

Common Justice

COAST TOWNS' PLIGHT

Attention to the plight of some of the coastal towns is drawn in a letter to the shareholders of Ramsgate Olympia Ltd., proprietors of Merrie England.

The letter, signed by Mr. Cecil Jones, secretary, by order of the Board of Directors, states:

As indicated in the directors' annual report for the financial year ended 30th September, 1942, my Board trusts that you will co-operate, in any and every way that you can, in the attempt which is being made to focus the attention of Parliament upon the loss and general stagnation which is the present lot of those parts of the East, South-east and South coasts which are usually referred to as the "Evacuation" or "Restricted" areas.

Inevitably the greater part of the country, pre-occupied as it is with the general war effort, can have but a slight idea of the straits to which the hotel, catering and seaside amusement business in many holiday towns has been reduced, and as these trades constitute the staple industry of these towns and districts, it follows that, broadly speaking, the districts themselves are suffering heavily.

Enormous arrears of rates pile upon the local authorities. Large accumulations of outstanding mortgage interest and capital are the lot of many traders. Reserves and savings are disappearing from among large numbers of businesses and private people.

These districts are in the front line of this country through no fault of their own, and it is only common justice that the rest of the nation should help them by means of some immediate alleviation of their difficulties, and by the promise of far more substantial assistance at the proper time later on.

This can only be brought about by the action of the nation's duly elected representatives in Parliament, and my Board invite you, in your own interests as well as on behalf of the Company, to say nothing of the larger issue, to write or contact your Member of Parliament with the request that he or she will do all that lies in their power to help.

It is only by focussing the attention of the country as a whole upon this matter that proper remedial measures can be forthcoming.

FROM ITALY TO SWITZERLAND

GOOD NEWS FOR MARGATE PARENTS

The War Office and the Red Cross have notified Mr. and Mrs. F. Moore, of 7, Grange-road, Margate, that their second son, Private Leslie Moore, has arrived in Switzerland from an Italian prisoner of war camp.

Private Moore was captured in the Middle East, in December 1941, while serving with the Buffs. Until recently he was, with four other Margate men in the prison camp, but they were afterwards transferred to separate camps.

The second member of his family to be taken prisoner—his brother Reginald was captured when a German raider sunk the ship in which he was a steward—Leslie is 28, and joined the Army in 1940. After attending Salmestone School, he was employed at Margate gasworks.

THOUGHT CHILDREN EARNED FOOD

BILLETING CHARGES SUMMONS

Mrs. Crump, wife of William Crump, of Wellesley-road, Margate, told the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday that she thought her two evacuated children were earning their food by helping with work on the farm at which they were billeted.

The husband was summoned in respect of billeting charges amounting to £4 8s., for the six months ended 18th October.

Mrs. Crump said the children were at Chorley and worked on a farm before they went to school and when they came home. On some occasions they had been away from school to work and, in these circumstances, she thought they were earning their food. She did not object to paying the 3s. a week which was the charge made by the Ministry of Health.

The magistrates made an order for payment of the amount claimed with 6s. 6d. costs.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 6.3 p.m. TILL 7.25 a.m.

POSTED MISSING

RAMSGATE AIRMAN IN MIDDLE EAST

A telegram received on Friday informed Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, of 10 Bright's-place, Ramsgate, that their son, Ldg.-Acm. Stephen Johnson, R.A.F., has been posted as missing.

Acm. Johnson, who is an old boy of St. Augustine's School, is 22 years old, and before joining the Royal Air Force was employed by a local butcher. He is well-known among the Ramsgate Roman Catholic community.

He was serving with a maintenance unit in the Middle East.

Owing to the amount of space devoted to the interviews with the repatriated prisoners our "On Service" feature is unavoidably held over to next week.

FLAG SELLER'S DISCOVERY

BIRCHINGTON MAN ADMITS CARPET THEFT

The magistrates decided to give George Albert Turner, of Dane-road, Birchington, another chance when he admitted at Margate police court last week that he stole a length of carpet, the property of Mrs. Harriet Beardmore, from a garage in Old Farm-road, Birchington.

Turner and his wife were summoned for being concerned together in stealing the carpet, valued at £10, but at the request of Mr. E. A. Morling, prosecuting, the case against Mrs. Turner was withdrawn in view of a statement made to the police by the husband.

Mr. Morling said Mrs. Beardmore, now living at Kensington Park-gardens, London, stored property in two garages in Old Farm-road, at the rear of defendant's house. She went there on 12th September and found that the lock had been wrenched off one of the garages and several articles were missing.

Making a door to door collection for a flag day, Mrs. Friend, who knew Mrs. Beardmore, called at Turner's house and noticed that the stairs were covered with a red carpet which she recognised as belonging to Mrs. Beardmore. When the police searched defendant's house on 17th September no stair carpet was found but they had traced no fewer than eight people who would have been prepared to give evidence that they saw the carpet on the staircase on various occasions.

Discharged from Army.

On 23rd October Turner gave D/I Cory the carpet and said he had taken it from the garage together with a quantity of coal, adding that he was very sorry for what he had done.

Defendant told the bench he was sent to Canada by Dr. Barnado's Homes when he was fourteen and came back in 1938 on account of the depression there. Joining the Army he served for over three years but was discharged on medical grounds in September, 1941. As he was married on coming back to England he had to get a home together when he was discharged. For a time he earned fairly good money as a carpenter and bought £140 worth of furniture on the hire purchase system, paying £1 5s. per week. In July last year, owing to ill-health, he had to give up work and he then only had his pension, which had increased to £1 5s per week, and 18s. a week insurance to live on. Half the furniture had been taken back by the firm he obtained it from. He started work again in March and was now earning an average of £5 a week and his pension had been further increased to £1 6s. 9d. per week.

Replying to the magistrates Turner said he took the carpet last winter and was afraid to return it.

The Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford) announced that the magistrates had decided to place Turner on probation for two years. They hoped the case would be a lesson which he would not forget.

ST. GEORGE'S DEDICATION FESTIVAL

The visit of the Rev. W. A. R. Ball on Sunday brought to a close the dedication festival celebrated at St. George's Church, Ramsgate.

Mr. Ball preached to a large congregation of his former parishioners.

The week included a party by the Mothers' Union at which a baby show was won by four-month-old twins, Roy and Robin Lambert, with Kenneth Dalton second.

A contribution of a classical nature was made to the week by Mr. Bert French, A.R.C.O., who gave an organ recital in the church. He began by playing Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary (usually ascribed to Purcell) and his varied programme included works by such composers as Easthope Martin, Wolstenholme, Mendelssohn, Watling and Guilmant.

Two songs, "How lovely are Thy dwellings" (S. Liddle) and "Nearer, my God, to Thee" (Carey), were sung by Mr. F. Shaxted.

The Vicar (the Rev. George Bennett), who conducted a short service, thanked the artistes for a delightful hour.

As a result of the week's events and services the church funds have benefited by £108 12s. 2d.

BACK FROM GERMANY—Continued from Page 1.

WINTER IN POLAND

Nazis Change Their Tune

tore the leaves off and ate the sticks raw and the chaps behind them were so ravenously hungry that they picked up the leaves to eat.

Ate Potato Peelings.

For about 20 days we were marching and eventually arrived at Trier, just inside the German border. We trained across Germany to a camp in Poland and here again the food was notable for its absence. In fact we even ate potato peelings to keep ourselves alive.

From here I was sent to a place called Summerlager, a camp for summer work. I joined a working party who were making roads or, rather, trying to. Lack of food made us all weak and we could hardly wield the shovels. Each man had a fifth of a loaf to last a day. We rose at 6.30 in the morning and there was no meal until dinner-time, when we used some of the bread with the "soup," which was little more than water. We had coffee but never tea, except the German "mint tea," which is made of herbs.

At first, when the prisoners could do little work through sheer weakness, the guards treated them roughly. The Tommies completely ignored this and laughed at the guards until eventually it was the Germans who got "browned off" and they didn't bother us any more.

Hands Froze to Pick.

In November, 1940, we moved a short distance down the road to Waterlager, a camp for winter work, but I couldn't see much difference between the two places. My job now was clearing snow and knocking ice off the roads. If we had had enough to eat the work would have been quite welcome in the bitter cold. I don't know what the average temperature was but we could actually see the frost in the air and many chaps went down with frostbite. I was lucky to escape this but many times my hands froze to the pick.

Our wearing apparel was very scant at this time and we must have looked a strange sight. The usual attire was an overcoat, a thin shirt and a pair of riding breeches. Our boots had been taken from us on arrival in Poland and we wore wooden clogs. To make matters worse the sock supply ran out after about four months there and we were given rags to wrap round our feet. You can guess how comfortable that was. Later, in place of the clogs, we were supplied with French-made boots—leather uppers and wooden soles.

When we were transferred to a place called Fabric in January, 1941, it was so cold that we slept three in a bed to keep warm. That's the strange thing about Poland. In winter the cold is almost unbearable and in summer it's wickedly hot. There seem to be just two seasons, with no spring or autumn.

Beautiful Homes Destroyed.

We were only at Fabric a short time for this is a transit camp, and soon I went on to Stalag XXIA, where I met Pte. Sheppard. Fairly decent meals were provided here and we were set to work knocking down Jewish buildings. Some of them were beautiful homes—almost palatial—but they all had to come down because they had belonged to Jews.

In March, 1941, I made another move to a camp in the Polish Corridor and here I was employed in loading coal wagons. For this I received just over four marks a week, a mark being equal to about 9d. Treatment was pretty good and it was here that Red Cross parcels started arriving regularly.

Some first-class stage shows were put on at this camp, including Bernard Shaw's play "Pygmalion."

From June, 1941, until the following December I was in a German civilian hospital and received very good treatment. The food was excellent and we usually had hot dinners, often pork. The two nurses in my ward could speak English and I got on well with them. We were attended by specialists from Berlin and it was one of these who operated on me. I think that was the best place I struck during the whole of my captivity.

Weak Beer.

I returned to Stalag XXIA and was in hospital there, although in a different ward from Pte. Sheppard. At the same time as him I was moved to Oflag 64Z and found life there a pleasant change from the previous camp. There was plenty of football and I played as a back or inside-left for "Pompey." There were also cricket matches to watch and entertainments in the evenings were very good, particularly the carnival nights when we indulged in a good sing-song. There was beer to be had—and free beer at that—but it was very weak stuff.

On 24th October I left the camp with the first repatriation party and had a comfortable journey—no Germans to guard us—to a port where we embarked on the boat for Gothenburg. This was a hospital ship and the German nurses looked after us extremely well.

I came back in the Atlantis and when we arrived at Liverpool, British and American bands were at the quayside to welcome us. It was a moving scene—flags and bands and crowds of people beyond the barriers. On board the Atlantis the happy men sang lustily such songs as "Roll out the barrel," "Pack up your troubles" and "Land of hope and glory."

After being moved to a hospital in the home counties I arrived at Ramsgate on Friday night.

Captured in the middle of the Atlantic, imprisoned by the enemy over two years, Mr. Joe Banbury is

GOING BACK TO SEA

Joe Banbury was on edge with excitement when our reporter called to see him at his brother's home. "I cannot believe," he said, "that only two weeks ago I passed out of the prison gates, leaving so many fine friends behind me."

And here is the story Joe had to tell—

The 10,000-ton freighter in which I was serving was sunk in the North Atlantic in July, 1941. It was the German raider Orion that got us and a fragment from one of the shells which hit my ship struck my head. Sixty of us were taken on board the enemy ship and were not too badly treated during the 28 days we were in her.

Bordeaux was the port at which I and my fellow seamen landed and my memories of the two and a half months spent in hospital there are grim to say the least. As long as I live I shall never forget Bordeaux. The doctors and nurses, who were French, treated me all right but food was the cause of my misery. It was simply vile. Each morning a loaf was shared out between eight men and on alternate days we had either margarine or jam with it. For dinner we usually had either sauerkraut, a German dish consisting mainly of fermented cabbage. That was brought to us in buckets. All the time I was at the camp hospital I never had a cup to drink out of—only a tin.

Express Journey.

Soon after I went into hospital all my mates were moved on and I was the only Britisher left. Most of the fellows were French colonials. One other prisoner, an Indian, came with me when I was transferred to Germany. We had two guards and it wasn't such a long and monotonous trip as we had expected for we travelled by express troop train via Paris to Frankfurt and there changed for Bremen, near to where my new "home" was situated.

Thanks to the Red Cross I had a jolly good meal when I arrived at that camp—a Milag—on 12th September, 1941. My companions were all members of the Royal Navy or the Merchant Service, but after a time the Navy chaps were moved to another place, leaving about 3,000 merchant sailors at the Milag.

Really, apart from the awful food—which fortunately we could supplement with our Red Cross parcels—I have few complaints about conditions there.

A striking change of attitude was noticed in the guards when the news of the capitulation of Italy came through. They could see the way the wind was blowing and were not at all happy. Their reaction was to treat us with more respect. There was a noticable difference, however, between the young guards and their elders. The youngsters were thoroughly "militarised," whereas the older soldiers were much more understanding and sympathetic towards us. They would do anything for a little bit of soap or a cigarette.

Attempted Escapes.

Three times a day the roll-call was made and at one time, following the attempted escape of several prisoners, we had the muster four times daily.

The entertainments at the camp were excellent. Of course we had to make our own life there and we found much first-class talent among the prisoners. One of them was Henry Mollison (cousin of the famous flyer), who was returning from Hollywood when captured. Mr. Mollison helped to produce several ambitious shows and the Germans as well as ourselves were extremely pleased with the presentation of "The Student Prince."

About our return home—it was so overwhelming that I can hardly describe it. On 16th October 152 of us left the camp and travelled by train to Sassnitz to cross the 60 miles of sea by train-ferry to Trelleborg. From there we went straight on to Gothenburg.

There, in Gothenburg, we received a welcome which was absolutely stupendous. The whole of the town seemed to have turned out to greet us for from the dockside we could see thousands upon thousands of people waving to us and cheering throughout our two days there. Bands played and flags were flying everywhere. Hot drinks and all sorts of eatables as well as cigarettes and matches were given to us by the Swedish Red Cross and the British Legation and it seemed that nobody could do too much for us.

Most of the men were handed a printed message from H.M. Minister, British Legation, stating that all the members of the staff sent "their warm greetings to you on completion of a stage in your journey. We are all proud to be the first link with home for which you have suffered so much and where your return is eagerly awaited."

The Crown Princess of Sweden, accompanied by Lord Mountbatten, came among the men and was especially eager to see the unfortunate fellows who were stretcher cases.

A Souvenir.

I came home on the Drottningholm and was one of the many ex-prisoners who were given an excellent little model of the ship neatly packed in a cardboard box, to keep as a souvenir.

After four days on the water we landed at Leith on the Monday and there an enormous reception awaited us. The town was decorated as it has probably never been decorated before—flags and bunting everywhere we looked. It was like a carnival day.

I was given so many things—sweets, chocolates, cigarettes, fruit and all sorts of good fare—that I could hardly carry them. Then, at the convalescent camp to which I was taken, there was a special welcome dinner that amounted to a banquet. We even had York ham and beer. You needn't ask how welcome that was!

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A tragic shipwreck in the Atlantic—two years in captivity—a great welcome banquet in Scotland. That is Joe Banbury's story. But it doesn't end there.

Joe is a son of the sea. He was 17 when he started work in fishing vessels—that was 30 years ago. The war started soon afterwards and in its early days he was at the Dardanelles. Later he served in the famous "Q" ships and from the end of the last war right up to his capture he was in merchant vessels.

"What do you intend to do now?" asked our reporter.

"That's easily answered," said Joe. "I'm staying in Ramsgate for a few weeks and then I'm going back to the sea. That's my home."

So Joe will soon be starting another chapter of his war story and all his Ramsgate friends will wish him the best of luck.

BROADSTAIRS MAN "HOME AT LAST"

A Broadstairs postman driver, whose home was formerly at Ramsgate, is also among the repatriated prisoners.

He is Spr. J. Rose, Royal Engineers, whose wife, formerly of 99 Margate-road, Ramsgate, is now living at Sutton, Surrey. After he was reported missing it was nine months before she had news of him.

Spr. Rose served in the Army in peace-time and after leaving the service joined the Post Office. He was well-known in the Kingsgate area. On the outbreak of war he was called up as a reserve, and was captured at Dunkirk.

His colleagues at Ramsgate Post Office received this telegram from Spr. Rose on Friday—"Home at last. Feeling fine."

The MILK Round

Take my Case says Mrs. Anxious

"I've taken milk from this dairy for five years. We like the milk, the milkman knows my family's needs, and he comes at a convenient time; and now I've got a letter telling me that deliveries will be made by another dairy—"

Take my Case says the Milkman

"What with half the other roundsmen going into the Forces I'm at my wits end to know how to get round my customers, yet believe it or not, there's one street I used to go down where twenty other milkmen called! Doesn't seem sensible, does it? Of course I'll miss my old customers, Mrs. Anxious, but the new scheme will take a big load off my shoulders. What's more it will help to keep milk deliveries regular."

Take the Country's Case says the Ministry of Food

"We've got to free more men and women for war work and we've got to save transport, and petrol and tyres too, and yet we have to make sure that every household has its regular quota of this precious food, milk. That's why we are stopping the old wasteful way of distributing milk. Think a minute, Mrs. Anxious, and you'll see how much more efficient the new scheme is. Of course there may be hitches to start with, and no one likes the breaking of old ties anyway; but we know you housewives will see the need to save labour for the war. And after all, though you may no longer have your usual milkman you *will* get a regular delivery."

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD LONDON W

MARGATE MEN BACK

Two Margate men, Sergeant Reginald Frank Andrews, R.A., and Pte. George Bridges, The Buffs, also returned on the repatriation ships.

The former, who came from a camp in Southern Austria, arrived at his home on Thursday night, and Pte. Bridges was welcomed at Margate on Sunday.

Sergeant Andrews, son of Mr. George Andrews, of Price's-avenue and Addington-road, is an old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, and before the war he played rugby for Thanet Wanderers. He was captain of St. John's Cricket Club, a member of Birchington and District Motoring Club and an enthusiastic motor-cyclist. An expert mason, he is a junior partner in his family's business.

As a lance-bombardier he was called up just before the outbreak of war, being a member of the local territorial battery of the R. A. In the Battle of Britain he served on gun sites in the London area and went overseas in December, 1940. He was with a battery besieged for months at Tobruk and then went to Greece and Crete, where he was taken prisoner in June, 1941. Although he was fit at that time, he was later taken seriously ill and became completely paralysed, but made a miraculous recovery.

Pte. Bridges is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bridges, of 9, Garden-row, Margate. He was among those who were due to be repatriated when negotiations were first entered into last year, but suffered a bitter disappointment when they fell through. Private Bridges was captured in France, in May, 1940, and was taken to a prison camp in Poland. In letters he described the treatment he received in four prison hospitals as "marvellous."

An old boy of Ellington School, Ramsgate, and New Cross-street School, Margate, Pte. Bridges is 23, and he had just finished his apprenticeship in the grocery trade when he was called up in December, 1939.

A Westgate man among the returned prisoners is Pte. Frederick James Terry, aged 26, son of Mrs. J. Terry, who is now living at Pangbourne, Berks.

He was captured in France in 1940 while serving with The Buffs, having been wounded in the right leg. After spending some months in hospital, he went to Stalag VIIIB in Poland.

During the week-end Pte. Terry visited old friends in the Westgate district.

A.T.C. MACE FUND

The mace for the drum and fife band which is being purchased and presented to the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron in memory of its late chairman (Alderman G. P. Hoare), will cost approximately £25.

So far donations of £2 2s. each have been received from the present chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and Mr. F. W. Ardley.

Friends of the A.T.C., old boys and parents are invited to forward donations to Councillor Pearson, at 111, High-street, Broadstairs, or to the commanding officer, Flt. Lieut. R. W. Spratling, at Squadron Headquarters, Margate.

Licence Transfer.—The licence of the New Inn, Minster, was transferred to James Alfred Holmes White at Ramsgate district police court on Tuesday.

AIR TRAINING CORPS
438 (Thanet) Squadron

Officer commanding—F/Lt. R. W. Spratling, R.A.F.V.R. (T.).

Squadron Orders for the week ending 6th November, 1943.

Part One Orders:

To-day.—A, B, C and D Flights on parade at respective headquarters at 18.55 hours. (E at 19.15 hours). Instruction according to general timetable.

Thursday.—A, B, C and D Flights on parade at respective headquarters at 18.55 hours. Instruction according to general timetable.

Friday.—E Flight on parade at 19.15 hours. Instruction according to general timetable.

Orderly Officers and N.C.O.s—according to Flights' D.R.O.s.

Part Two Orders and Notices:

Promotions.—Sgt. L/Cadet K. C. Mellor to F/Sgt. (A Flight).

Sgt. Cadet R. E. Small to F/Sgt. (C Flight).

Cpl. Cadet S. T Twyman to Sgt. (A Flight).

Cpl. L/Cadet D. H. Prestedge to Sgt. (D Flight).

Cadet (1st Class) B. S. Peters to A/Cpl. (C Flight).

Drum and Fife Band.—Younger Cadets (about the age of 16 years) to be encouraged to join the band. In future, N.C.O.s on promotion to the rank of Flight/Sgt. will automatically leave the band.

Press Reports.—In future, all reports of the activities of the Flights are to be submitted to the Adjutant. On no acount may Cadets give reports to the local papers.

Frank A. Burgess, F/O, R.A.F.V.R.(T.)
Adjt., for C.O.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

MARRIAGES

Yates—Nicol.—23rd October, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, Ronald Yates, of Birchington, to Marian Nicol, of Newcastle.

DEATHS

Mills.—25th October, at 67 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, William George Mills, aged 66 years.

Neville.—23rd October, at Durlock, Minster, Amelia Mary Neville, aged 84 years.

Stevenson.—22nd October, at 3, Belmont-street, Ramsgate, Alice Elizabeth Stevenson, aged 69 years.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. W. Mills wishes to thank all who extended sympathy to her in her sad loss and all who sent floral tributes.—67 Boundary-road, Ramsgate.

Mr. J. E. Neville and family wish to thank all who extended sympathy to them in their sad loss, and all who sent floral tributes. They would also like to thank the doctor for all his kindness and attention, and Mr. W. Cole for funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

Stewart.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife (Babs) Lilian Hilda Stewart, killed by enemy action, 2nd November, 1940. I miss you and mourn you in silence, unseen, and dwell on the memories of joys that have been.—From her loving husband (Sicily).

Stewart.—Treasured memories of our dear daughter (Babs) Lilian Hilda Stewart, née Turner, killed by enemy action, 2nd November, 1940. Still sadly missed.—Mum and Dad.

Stewart.—In loving memory of my dear niece (Babs) Lilian Hilda Stewart, née Turner, killed by enemy action, 2nd November, 1940. Loved and remembered always.—Aunt Lil.

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